

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 802

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tamara Smith on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Tamara Smith of Clay County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, throughout high school, Tamara Smith has worked with Clay County's Anti-Drug Coalition, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), to solve the county's major drug problem, spreading awareness through fundraisers, informative videos, and radio segments; she has collaborated with local and state leaders to solve community issues and provide resources to those affected by substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, taking on a major leadership role within SADD, Tamara Smith has worked with other leaders to brainstorm the best way to achieve goals, and on the annual Health and Safety Day, she distributed school supplies to children in need while educating them about the dangers of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her admirable work with SADD, Tamara Smith volunteers with the Grace Free Meal Center and packs and delivers backpack lunches to children in the community; and

WHEREAS, over the summer, Ms. Smith helped local teachers develop curriculum for a summer program to address learning issues brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Tamara Smith has also volunteered her time with Clay County Adult Education to encourage residents to obtain their GEDs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Tamara Smith for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.